Cal Grant T Awards

Award Description:

- Awards are for teacher credential candidates who have a baccalaureate degree and plan to attend a teacher credential program.
- Awards are to be used only for tuition/fees for a maximum of one academic year of full-time attendance.
- A minimum of 3,000 new Cal Grant T awards are to be issued each year.
- As a condition of receiving a Cal Grant T, a recipient must teach for one year at a low-performing school for each $2,000 of award money received, for a maximum period of four years. Any recipient who does not meet the teaching obligation will be required to repay the award.

General Cal Grant Eligibility Requirements:

All Cal Grant applicants must:

- Be California residents
- Be U.S. citizens or eligible non-citizens
- Meet U.S. Selective Service requirements
- Attend an eligible California qualifying postsecondary institution
- Be enrolled at least half-time
- Maintain satisfactory academic progress as defined at school of attendance
- Have family income and assets below the established ceilings
- **Not** be in default on any student loan
- **Not** owe any federal or state grant refund

Who can apply:

To be eligible for a 2001-02 Cal Grant T Award, applicants must:

- Meet the Cal Grant Program general eligibility requirements
- Be a teaching credential candidate with a baccalaureate degree
- Submit a completed application and Cal Grant T GPA Verification Form by June 1, 2001
- Demonstrate financial need equivalent to a maximum award plus $1,500
  (award maximums for 2000-01 were$1,506 at the California State University, $3,609 at the University of California, and $9,708 at independent institutions)
- Agree to provide one year of teaching service at a low-performing public school for each incentive of up to $2,000 of award money received, for a maximum period of four years. Any recipient who does not meet the teaching obligation will be required to repay the award.

How to apply:

- **All Applicants Must File a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**

  The FAFSA is the same application that is used nationwide for federal aid and other state and campus-based aid. The application has both a paper and electronic version and can be filed beginning January 1, 2001. The deadline for filing a FAFSA application for these awards is June 1, 2001.

  For the purpose of applying to the Cal Grant Program, we would encourage all applicants to file an electronic application through *FAFSA on the Web* at **www.fafsa.ed.gov**. Paper versions of the FAFSA are available at high schools, career centers, libraries, and college financial aid offices. Copies can also be obtained form the Federal Student Aid Information Center at 1-800-433-3243.

- **All Applicants Must File a Cal Grant T Enrollment and GPA Verification Form**

  Applicants may obtain a 2001-02 Cal Grant T Enrollment and GPA Verification Form from college financial aid offices. Applicants may also obtain this form by calling the California Student Aid Commission at (916) 526-7590. Forms are generally made available by late Fall.

  All Cal Grant T GPA Verification Forms must be filed by the June 1, 2001 deadline.

When Will I Be Told Whether I Have Received an Award?

Applicants who filed a completed FAFSA and GPA Verification Form will be informed of their award status beginning in June of 2001.

This document provides general guidelines for the new programs. For detailed legal descriptions, please refer to the California Education Code.